

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 2209, the delete everything amendment  
1.2 (H2209DE3), as follows:

1.3 Page 59, after line 9, insert:

1.4 "Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 97B.516, is amended to read:

1.5 **97B.516 PLAN FOR ELK MANAGEMENT.**

1.6 (a) The commissioner of natural resources must adopt an elk management plan that:

1.7 (1) recognizes the value and uniqueness of elk;

1.8 (2) provides for integrated management of an elk population in harmony with the  
1.9 environment; and

1.10 (3) affords optimum recreational opportunities.

1.11 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the commissioner must not manage an elk herd in  
1.12 Kittson, Roseau, Marshall, or Beltrami Counties in a manner that would increase the size  
1.13 of the herd, including adoption or implementation of an elk management plan designed to  
1.14 increase an elk herd, unless the commissioner of agriculture verifies that crop and fence  
1.15 damages paid under section 3.7371 and attributed to the herd have not increased for at least  
1.16 two years.

1.17 (c) At least 60 days prior to implementing a plan to increase an elk herd, the  
1.18 commissioners of natural resources and agriculture must hold a joint public meeting in the  
1.19 county where the elk herd to be increased is located. At the meeting, the commissioners  
1.20 must present evidence that crop and fence damages have not increased in the prior two years  
1.21 and must detail the practices that will be used to reduce elk conflicts with area landowners.

1.22 (d) When the estimated size of a herd exceeds the range identified in an elk management  
1.23 plan, the commissioner must provide hunting opportunities designed to bring the size of

- 2.1 the herd back into its planned size, including providing sufficient hunting tags and additional
- 2.2 opportunities for unsuccessful hunters."
- 2.3 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references
- 2.4 Amend the title accordingly